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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF GREENSBORO, N. C.

REGULAR MEETING:

February 16, 1999

The City Council of the City of Greensboro met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office building with the following members present: Mayor Carolyn S. Allen, presiding; Councilmembers Claudette Burroughs-White, Sandra G. Carmany, Keith A. Holliday, Yvonne J. Johnson, Earl F. Jones, Nancy Mincello, Robert V. Perkins and Donald R. Vaughan. Absent: None. Also present were J. Edward Kitchen, City Manager; Linda A. Miles, City Attorney; and Susan E. Crotts, Deputy City Clerk.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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The Manager recognized Judy Parham, employee in the Finance Department, who served as courier for the meeting.

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The Mayor explained the Council procedures for the meeting.

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Representatives from Habitat for Humanity and Project Homestead (non-profit affordable housing agencies), presented information on their organizations, programs and accomplishments. The Mayor introduced Charles Huff, President and Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity in Greensboro. Mr. Huff recognized his board members present at the meeting; provided details with respect to the organization's background, programs and accomplishments; and spoke to the numbers of homeowners, volunteers and their related economic impact on the community. Mr. Huff noted that Habitat for Humanity planned to build a large new subdivision in 2002 and would seek partial project funding from the City.

Reverend Michael King, President and CEO of Project Homestead, Inc.; reviewed information and details about the organization's background, programs, objectives and accomplishments; provided a video that featured the organization's staff, volunteers and construction projects; and highlighted information regarding accomplishments and economic impact on the community.

The Council expressed appreciation to Habitat for Humanity and Project Homestead for the economic strengths their programs created and the numerous opportunities they provided for affordable home ownership and volunteerism in Greensboro.

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Mayor Allen stated that this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider an ordinance rezoning from RS-7 Residential Single Family to RM-18 Residential Multifamily for Property located on the north side of Brighton Street between Tucker Street and Autumn Drive.

C. Tom Martin, Planning Department Director, stated that the Zoning Commission had recommended denial of the rezoning; noted that staff opposed this rezoning; and presented slides showing maps and related properties.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak to the matter.

Ronald Levette, residing at 1719 Brighton Street, stated that he and his wife Ellen appealed the decision made by the Zoning Commission, which denied him permission to rezone his property for the purpose of enlarging their home day care business. He expressed concerns about the service he received from Planning Department staff when applying for a rezoning permit and about comments from the November 1, 1999 Zoning Commission meeting minutes.

The Council discussed with the Levettes and Mr. Martin details of these concerns and the possibility of pursuing an alternative rezoning; they indicated that they would consider waiving the \$100.00 permit fee if the Levettes wished to submit an application for a conditional use rezoning permit. Mr. Martin offered to provide additional service to the Levettes with respect to this matter.

After Mr. Levette advised that he would like to withdraw his initial rezoning request and file a conditional use request, Councilmember Johnson moved that Mr. Levette be allowed to withdraw his existing rezoning application and that Council waive the fee for a conditional use zoning application. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and adopted unanimously by voice vote of the Council.

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Mayor Allen stated that this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider a resolution authorizing on basis of public necessity sanitary sewer improvements on New Garden Road from approximately 370' east of Belvidere Place to approximately 130' west of Belvidere Place. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak to this matter.

There being no one to speak to this matter, Councilmember Jones moved adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson; the resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Allen, Burroughs-White, Carmany, Johnson, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None; with Councilmember Holliday abstaining due to conflict of interest.

N-60 RESOLUTION ORDERING THE MAKING OF CERTAIN LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

NEW GARDEN ROAD FROM APPROXIMATELY 370' EAST OF BELVIDERE PLACE TO APPROXIMATELY 130' WEST OF BELVIDERE PLACE

WHEREAS, due notice has been given that on the 16th day of February, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in the Municipal Office Building a public hearing would be held on the improvements hereinafter described and that all objections to the legality of the making of the improvements are required by law to be made in writing, signed in person or by attorney, and filed with the City Clerk at or before the time of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing has now been held and no objections have been made to the making of the improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

A. That the street or streets hereinabove set out is/are

without sanitary sewer mains, that public interest and necessity require that sanitary sewer mains be made available on the street or streets within the limits set out, and that abutting property will be benefited to the extent of the part of the cost thereof to be assessed against such abutting property.

B. That the local improvements to be made on the street or streets set out above are as follows:

Sanitary Sewer Improvements. That a sanitary sewer main of 8-inch size be laid on the street or streets hereinabove named within the limits defined, and that necessary laterals (including water laterals where none exist and water main has been installed) be laid for the proper connection of abutting property.

C. That the proportion of the cost of the improvements to be assessed against the abutting property and the terms of payment will be as provided in the Notice of Public Hearing which was served on the owners of the property to be assessed.

D. That this resolution be published one time in a newspaper published in the City of Greensboro as notice of the matters herein set out.

(Signed) Earl Jones

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Mayor Allen stated that this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider a resolution authorizing on the basis of public necessity water main improvements on Cobb Street from Mayflower Drive to Aycock Street. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak to this matter.

Ben Fewel, residing at 1605-A Cobb Street, requested that the City consider providing temporary repairs to this water main; reported that water pressure to houses in the neighborhood had been half of normal for the last six weeks and that temporary repairs to the main had been made in the past.

Council discussed with staff the cost to replace the line and the projected schedule for its completion. The City Manager advised that Assistant City Manager, William Harrell, would work with staff to expedite the replacement and/or repair of the water main.

Councilmember Johnson moved adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan; the resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Allen, Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Johnson, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

C-254 RESOLUTION ORDERING THE MAKING OF CERTAIN LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

COBB STREET FROM MAYFLOWER DRIVE TO AYCOCK STREET

WHEREAS, due notice has been given that on the 16th day of February, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in the Municipal Office Building a public hearing would be held on the improvements hereinafter described and that all objections to the legality of the making of the improvements are required by law to be made in writing, signed in person or by attorney, and filed with the City Clerk at or before the time of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing has now been held and no objections have been made to the making of the improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

A. That the street or streets hereinabove set out is/are

without water mains, that public interest and necessity require that water mains be made available on the street or streets within the limits set out, and that abutting property will be benefited to the extent of the part of the cost thereof to be assessed against such abutting property.

B. That the local improvements to be made on the street or streets set out above are as follows:

Water Main Improvements. That a water main be laid on the street or streets hereinabove named within the limits defined, and that necessary laterals (including sewer laterals where none exist and sewer main has been installed) be laid for the proper connection of abutting property.

C. That the proportion of the cost of the improvements to be assessed against the abutting property and the terms of payment will be as provided in the Notice of Public Hearing which was served on the owners of the property to be assessed.

D. That this resolution be published one time in a newspaper published in the City of Greensboro as notice of the matters herein set out.

Signed (Earl Jones)

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Moving to the Consent Agenda, Mayor Allen read the following ordinances as required by the Greensboro Code of Ordinances:

- Ordinance amending Chapter 16 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances with respect to speed limits on State Highway System Streets
- Ordinance granting Bennett College the right to erect banners within the areas along campus

The Mayor thereupon requested a motion to approve the ordinances, resolutions and motion on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Jones moved the adoption of the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan; the consent agenda was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Allen, Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Johnson, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

99-20

AMENDING CHAPTER 16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

Section 1. That Section 16-96 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by changing Schedule 2A (Speed Limits on State Highway System Streets) as follows:

Pleasant Ridge Road (SR 2133) from Market Street
(SR 1008) northward to N.C. 68
be changed from 55 mph to 50 mph.

Section 2. This ordinance is based upon an engineering and traffic investigation pursuant to authority granted by G.S. 20-141 (f) and (g) and shall become effective upon adoption of a concurring ordinance by the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopting the speed limits so fixed herein and signs are erected giving notice of the authorized speed limits.

Section 3. All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Signed (Earl Jones)

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99-21 ORDINANCE GRANTING BENNETT COLLEGE THE RIGHT TO ERECT BANNERS
WITHIN THE AREAS ALONG THE CAMPUS

WHEREAS, during the 1998-99 academic year, Bennett College will be celebrating 125 years of producing phenomenal women leaders and there will be several exciting events to commemorate this anniversary;

WHEREAS, this is an event of special significance for an educational institution which has been a prestigious landmark and exemplifies a fine tribute to our city;

WHEREAS, this anniversary will provide a positive image for the City of Greensboro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

1. That during 1999, Bennett College is hereby allowed to erect banners in public areas along the following city streets adjacent to and near the campus:

East Market Street and Bennett Street
East Washington Street and Bennett Street
East Washington Street and Medley Street
East Lee Street and Sampson Street
East Lee Street and Bennett Street
East Lee Street and Martin Street
Gorrell Street and Bennett Street
Gorrell Street and Sampson Street
Gorrell Street and Watson Street
Gorrell Street and Martin Street
Gorrell Street and MLK Street (Asheboro Street)

2. That requirements of 30-5-5.16 must be met, however, the permit fee is hereby waived.

Signed (Earl Jones)

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13-99 RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY TAX COLLECTOR TO ADVERTISE LIENS ON
REAL ESTATE FOR DELINQUENT, SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE CHARGES, SOLID
WASTE CHARGES, WATER RENTS, AND NUISANCE ABATEMENT CHARGES FOR THE
YEAR 1998

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

1. That the City Tax Collector be and is hereby directed to prepare and publish, in accordance with law, a list showing: (1) the names of all persons by whom substandard structure charges, solid waste charges, water rents and nuisance abatement charges are due and (2) the amount of each such substandard structure charge, solid waste charge, water rent or nuisance abatement charge. Such publication shall commence not earlier than March 7, 1999.

2. That the City Tax Collector be and is hereby directed to cause the publication of the above-mentioned list on the NEWS AND RECORD.

3. That, in addition to following the foreclosure method prescribed by G.S. 105-374, the City Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to institute the In rem method of foreclosure pursuant to G.S. 105-375.

Signed (Earl Jones)

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14-99 RESOLUTION APPROVING BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NO. 1998-26 FOR THE VANDALIA ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, after due notice, bids have been received for Vandalia Road Roadway Improvements Project;

WHEREAS, MAPCO, Inc., a responsible bidder, has submitted the low base bid in the total amount of \$893,953.80, which bid, in the opinion of the City Council, is the best bid from the standpoint of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the bid hereinabove mentioned submitted by MAPCO, Inc. is hereby accepted, and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Greensboro a proper contract to carry the proposal into effect, payment to be made from Account No. 431-6002-18.6014, CBR .033.

Signed (Earl Jones)

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15-99 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER IN CONTRACT NO. 1998-8 WITH THOMPSON-ARTHUR PAVING COMPANY FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, Contract No. 1998-8 with Thompson-Arthur Paving Company provides for roadway improvements to various streets throughout the City;

WHEREAS, due to unexpected bad soil conditions at various locations, additional undercut and borrow excavation was required, thereby necessitating a change order in the contract in the amount of \$85,142.95.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That a change order in the above-mentioned contract with Thompson-Arthur Paving Company for roadway improvements to various streets throughout the City is hereby authorized at a total cost of \$85,142.95, payment of additional amount to be made from Account Nos. 402-6001-01.6014, CBR .004, in the amount of \$19,047.05 and 401-6001-01.6014, CBR .003 in the amount of \$66,095.90.

Signed (Earl Jones)

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19-99 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO CONDEMN PORTION OF THE PROPERTY OF JOHN A. DOBBS AND WIFE,

CHRISTINE DOBBS, AND WILLIAM F. WICKER AND WIFE, JEANNETTE F. WICKER,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEEP RIVER OUTFALL PROJECT

WHEREAS, John A. Dobbs and wife, Christine Dobbs, and William F. Wicker and wife, Jeannette F. Wicker, are the owners of certain property located on Gallimore Dairy Road, said property being as shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, a portion of said property is required by the City in connection with the Deep River Outfall Project;

WHEREAS, negotiations with the owners at the appraised value of \$1,644.00 have been unsuccessful and said portion of property is necessary for said project;

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and in the best interest of the City that the City Attorney be authorized to institute civil proceedings to condemn said portion of property and that the Director of Finance be authorized to issue a draft to the Clerk of Superior Court as compensation to the owners in the amount of \$1,644.00;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That, pursuant to Chapter 40A of the North Carolina General Statutes, the City Attorney is hereby authorized to institute condemnation proceedings to acquire said portion of property, and the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to issue a draft in the amount of \$1,644.00 to the Clerk of Superior Court as compensation to the owners, payment to be made from Account No. 508-7044-01.6019, CBR 001.

Signed (Earl Jones)

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Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 1999, was unanimously adopted.

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Mayor Allen introduced a resolution approving a funding plan for purchase of the Salvation Army site in the Ole Asheboro Community Development Target Area. This matter was continued from the February 2, 1999 meeting of Council.

Andy Scott, Director of Housing and Community Development (H&CD), spoke to the Salvation Army's plans to expand their programs to homeless people by constructing a new building which was originally planned at the site of their Red Shield Lodge at 224 E. Lee Street. Reviewed by Mr. Scott were H&CD staffs' concerns regarding potential negative impact on neighborhood traffic and their discussion with the Salvation Army about the possibility of building the new facility at another site. Mr. Scott noted that this would only be feasible if the Redevelopment Commission would purchase the facility on Lee Street. He reported that the status of property under consideration for purchase was not known at present due to the new discovery of environmental issues. Mr. Scott recommended that the Council continue this item to the March 16th meeting of Council.

Councilmember Burroughs-White expressed concern about the intent of the related resolution to remove funding from the Rosewood Community without providing assurance that the funding would be reallocated to that community at a later date.

Councilmember Johnson moved that this item be continued to March 16, 1999 to allow additional time for negotiation and consideration; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan and adopted unanimously by voice vote of the Council.

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The Mayor introduced an ordinance amending Chapter 29 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances with respect to exemptions and refunds for capacity use fees for low-income housing within the corporate limits.

After a brief explanation by the City Manager, Councilmember Johnson moved adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perkins; the resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Allen, Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Johnson, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

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AMENDING CHAPTER 29

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO EXEMPTIONS AND REFUNDS FOR CAPACITY USE FEES FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Greensboro:

Section 1. That Sec. 29-53.1(b)(3) be amended to read as follows:

“The capacity use fee will be refunded to the owner of a rental unit upon presentation of proof, on forms available from the city, to the housing and community development department that 60% of the units in the rental development are rented for an amount equal to, or less than, the fair market rate currently adopted by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for the Greensboro, North Carolina, area, and in effect at the time of application.”

Section 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Signed (Yvonne Johnson)

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Mayor Allen introduced a resolution approving the 1999 Legislative Program and requesting support hereof by the Guilford County Delegation to the General Assembly.

Councilmember Vaughan referred to several items in the 1999 Legislative Program with which he disagreed. Citing the section expressing support for a public referendum for a State lottery vote which would designate that a percentage of the proceeds fund municipalities, he moved to support this segment of the Legislative Program if amended to stipulate that the proceeds from the lottery be used entirely to fund education. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Holliday and was adopted on voice vote of 7-2 with Councilmembers Johnson and Jones voting no.

Councilmember Vaughan reviewed the Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) segment of the 1999 Legislative Program and raised concerns about the possible burdens this might put on the police force. In response, the City Attorney advised that the North Carolina League of Municipalities included in the

Legislative Program a provision which stated that there would be no unfunded mandates. Police Chief, Robert White, clarified that under the provisions of the proposed legislation, local police officers would be allowed, not required, to inspect establishments serving alcohol. He noted that at present, local police had no rights to inspect establishments serving alcohol unless summoned.

Councilmember Vaughan moved that the 1999 legislative report be amended to urge the North Carolina Legislature to pass a Bill prohibiting the sale of the names and addresses of our citizens by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson and unanimously adopted by voice vote of the Council.

Councilmember Burroughs-White moved adoption of the resolution to approve the amended 1999 Legislative Program and request support thereof by the Guilford County Delegation to the General Assembly; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan, the resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote; Ayes: Allen, Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Johnson, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

23-99 RESOLUTION APPROVING 1999 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AND REQUESTING
SUPPORT THEREOF BY THE GUILFORD COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, the purpose of the legislative program is to seek additional authority where needed, to maintain a current and accurate City Charter, and to implement all affairs and government of the City;

WHEREAS, pursuant thereto, the City Council has reviewed the legislative needs of the City of Greensboro and, after careful deliberation, has recommended matters which are attached hereto.

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that the support by the 1999 General Assembly of the specific legislative matters, as hereinabove referred to, is vital to the welfare and good government of the citizens of Greensboro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the legislative program, as hereinabove set out, is hereby approved, and the Guilford County Legislative Delegation is hereby urged to support the City's position on statewide issues and to seek the adoption of the local bill in the 1999 Session of the General Assembly of North Carolina.

Signed (Claudette Burroughs White)

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Following the Mayor's introduction of a resolution authorizing the purchase of property of Piedmont Land Conservancy for passive parkland, including natural areas and hiking trails; the Manager commented that the resolution would enable the City to purchase 78.9 acres of land in the amount of \$250,000.

Councilmember Carmany expressed that while supportive of the acquisition of the park land in Northwestern Greensboro, she desired more efforts in the planning and negotiation of green space and park land in southwestern Greensboro.

The City Manager responded that staff had been instructed to work on issues of additional open space in other areas.

Gary Brown, residing at 5249 Larue Court, Summerfield, NC, spoke in support of the acquisition of this land for park use. He commended the Kathleen Price Bryan Family Fund for its visionary role in establishing this park land and expressed appreciation to Council and staff for their efforts.

Kathy Treanor, Executive Director of the Piedmont Land Conservancy (PLC), residing at 123 Beverly Place, expressed her support and commented on the unique historical aspects of the land involving the Price Family and the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. Ms. Treanor expressed appreciation to Kay Edwards, the Bryan Family Fund Foundation and all who worked so hard to make this happen. She mentioned that a community wide celebration would be held upon the opening of the park.

Members of the Council expressed their gratitude to Ms. Treanor, the PLC, the Kathleen Bryan Price Fund and Councilmember Mincello for their involvement in preserving this historic property and making the park a reality.

Councilmember Mincello moved adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones; the resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Allen, Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Johnson, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

24-99 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY OF PIEDMONT LAND CONSERVANCY FOR PASSIVE PARKLAND, INCLUDING NATURAL AREAS AND HIKING TRAILS

WHEREAS, in order to provide for passive parkland, including natural areas and hiking trails, property owned by Piedmont Land Conservancy located at 1420 New Garden Road and consisting of two tracts totaling approximately 78.9 acres is required by the city for such purposes, said property being shown on the attached Exhibit A as Tract 5B and Tract 4;

WHEREAS, the purchase and open space use of said property will be a great enhancement to our park system as well as an environmentally sound preservation program;

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to sell the property to the City for \$250,000.00, which amount is far less than the market value and, in the opinion of the City Council is fair and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the purchase of the above mentioned property in the amount of \$250,000.00 is hereby approved and the purchase of the property is hereby authorized, payment to be made from the capital reserve.

Signed (Nancy Mincello)

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The Mayor declared a recess at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

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Mr. Phil Feeney, residing at 600 Park Avenue expressed his concern that his rental property located at 701 Jennifer Street, was targeted for demolition. Mr. Feeney spoke to his efforts to provide low-income housing, the condition of his property and its role in the housing rental market in Greensboro.

Mr. Scott stated that the status of the Hope VI. Redevelopment Project planned for the area that included Mr. Feeney's property was not known; that he would provide related information prior to the next Council meeting; and that Mr. Feeney's rental property filled a community need for low income rental housing. He advised that the H&CD staff would work with Mr. Feeney on the matter.

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After Julie Memory, residing at 2006 Madison Avenue, expressed her concerns with respect to the Greensboro Police Department regarding communication and coordination processes resulting in delayed processing of burglaries reported at apartments she owned in the area of UNCG; Chief White reported that measures had been taken to remedy Ms. Memory's concerns. He reiterated his request to Council for more support staff in the Police Department to increase effectiveness.

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Speaking to the issue of a living wage, a group of citizens presented Council with a request for an ordinance mandating a specific wage for City employees and employees performing contractual work with the City. They stated reasons they believed this to be necessary; spoke to the amount they considered to be a living wage; and reviewed various poverty issues. Several of the speakers requested Council to establish a committee to further examine the living wage issue.

Pete Castelli, District Director for Unite, a needle and textile workers trade union, residing at 1803 J Avenue; Robin Estes of 2912-A West Florida Street; Larry Morse, an economist ant NC A&T State University, residing at 224 Kensington Road; O.W. Sweeney of 1925 Taylor Street; Angie Roberson of 2113 Cypress Street; Reverend Zee Holler, of 113 South Tremont Drive; Gary Kenton of 606 Park Avenue; Richard Korutz of 1801 Murray Hill Road and Darryl Frick of 226 Westside Drive in Kernersville, offered thoughts, opinions and details with respect to this matter.

After Council discussed the process that could be used to establish a committee, the manner in which a committee could be structured, and potential resources that were available from local universities and colleges; the Mayor asked Mr. Castelli to submit to her the names of interested persons. She noted that this issue would be discussed at the February 23, 1999 Council Briefing.

(A copy of the information provided is filed in Exhibit Drawer M, Exhibit #15, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

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Councilmember Perkins moved that Harold Fields be appointed to the Commission for the Status of Women; this term will expire 8-15-00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson and adopted unanimously by voice vote of the Council.

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Councilmember Burroughs-White announced that there would be an East Market Street Development program on February 23, 1999 at the North Carolina A&T State University Campus.

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Councilmember Carmany stated that she had presented greetings to the Hi-Q Bowl and commended Parks and Recreation staff for their sponsorship of this event.

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Councilmember Holliday reminded the Council that a Human Relations Commission Race Relations Public Meeting was scheduled for February 18th, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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Councilmember Johnson congratulated Councilmembers Don Vaughan and Nancy Mincello on the news of their upcoming wedding.

She praised the Greensboro Police Department for their progress in providing police employees with sensitivity training related to dealing with special populations.

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Announcing that the East Market Street Development Committee would be meeting on March 9th in Webb Hall at North Carolina A&T State University, the Mayor encouraged citizens to join them to share ideas.

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The Council discussed several potential dates for two meetings with the County Commissioners.

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The City Manager suggested the Council meet for a follow up session on matters related to the Coliseum; discussed with Council the feasibility of meeting at 12:30 on March 18, 1999; and noted that he would confirm with Matt Brown, Coliseum Director and the Council.

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The City Manager reported that City staff had met with North Carolina State representatives regarding capacity use permitting for Phase II of the Osborne Waste Treatment Plant and would receive approval for a volume of two million gallons per day in the near future.

Announcing that Pat Pate, Budget Director, had accepted a position in High Point as an Assistant City Manager; the Manager wished him well and emphasized that Mr. Pate would be greatly missed. He noted that Larry Davis would continue to work with the budget process.

The Manager also extended congratulations to Councilmembers Mincello and Vaughan.

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Councilmember Holliday moved that the City Council adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson and was adopted unanimously by the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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SUSAN E. CROTTS
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

CAROLYN S. ALLEN
MAYOR
